on reservations is that 15% seats in all courses is to be reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and 7.5% for Scheduled Tribes (STs), by giving a relaxation of 5% of marks from the prescribed minimum qualifying level. As regards the Central Universities, Department of Secondary and Higher Education and University Grants Commission (UGC) are responsible for supervision and proper implementation of the reservation policies in these Universities. UGC has taken the following steps to ensure proper implementation of policy:

(i) Universities are reminded to adhere to Government policy in regard to reservation for SCs/STs.

(ii) SCs/STs Cells have been set up in Central Universities to safeguard interest of SCs/STs communities.

(iii) To ensure proper and effective implementation, periodic review meetings of Registrars of Central Universities are held by UGC.

Department of Secondary and Higher Education has set up a SC/ST Cell to ensure proper implementation of reservation policy in Central Universities.

(b) and (c) According to the information provided by the Indian Diamond Institute Surat, the number of seats available for various faculties/disciplines/ courses and the number of SC/ST students who took admission during the last three years are as under:

Year	Maximum capacity during the year	Total seats filled in during the year	Number of SC/ST candidates given admission	% age of SC/ST students to total No. of seats	% age of SC/ST students to the total No. of seats as were filled
1998-99	743	410	48	6.46	11.71
1999-2000	1065	524	51	4.78	9.73
2000-2001	1035	569	31	2.99	5.45

Committee for monitoring cheap imports

2452. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government, for setting up of a National

Committee for evolving strategy and continuous monitoring against cheap form and other imports into the country;

(b) if so, by when Government are going to constitute such a Committee; and

(c) the steps Government have taken so far or proposed to take for better negotiations at the next round of talks on WTO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no proposal before the Government for setting up of such a National Committee. However, the Government has constituted an inter Ministerial Standing Group consisting of Commerce Secretary, Revenue Secretary, Secretary (SSI and ARI), Secretary (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying), Secretary (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation) and Director General of Foreign Trade. This group has been formed for tracking, collating and analyzing import data of 300 sensitive items.

(c) India is of the view that our concerns in relation to implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreements must be addressed before any new issue for negotiation is taken up by WTO. Towards that end, a group of developing countries including India has already submitted detailed proposals. India is also of the view that any new issue for negotiations may be taken by WTO, only when there is convergence of views among the WTO members on its inclusion.

Special monitoring of import items

2453. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to adopt a new strategy to maintain export growth momentum in the country;

(b) whether Government have identified any import items where special monitoring is required; and

(c) if so, the details of those items that Government have identified and the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The Government is in the process of formulating a medium term export strategy which focuses on examination of the import baskets of major trading partners of India to identify potential items of